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Official opening of St. Angela Merici



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Most Reverend Wayne Kirkpatrick, Auxiliary Bishop Northern Region, blesses the portrait of St. Angela Merici painted by Newmarket artist Catherine Farquar, at the opening of St. Angela Merici Catholic School.

MIRIAM KING
 Bradford Times

The new St. Angela Merici Catholic Elementary School in the southwest quadrant of Bradford went up quickly, opening its doors in time for the start of the 2015-2016 school year.

Just as quickly, the school, built for a student population of 485, filled every classroom. The school now houses approximately 630 students and 50 staff, and portables are in place.

St. Angela Merici Catholic School held its official Opening on January 27 - the feast day of St. Angela Merici (1474-1540), founder of the Company of St. Ursula, later to become the Ursuline Order of Nuns.

"Our goal is to build a vibrant community at St. Angela Merici Catholic School," said Principal Joe Almeida, welcoming parents, staff and special guests to the Celebration. He thanked dignitaries for attending, including local MPP Julia Munro, Barrie MPP Ann Hoggarth (representing Education Minister Liz Sandals), Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board's Director of Education Brian Beal, and Bradford West Gwillimbury Mayor Rob Keffer.

In the audience was Ursuline Sister Jean Doyle,

who was thanked for her "passionate endorsement" of the name of the new school, and a donation towards the purchase of books for the new library.

Most Reverend Wayne Kirkpatrick, Auxiliary Bishop Northern Region, led the liturgy, blessing the school and the crosses that will be placed in each classroom. He also blessed a large portrait of St. Angela Merici, painted by Newmarket artist Catherine Farquar, that was presented to the new school by St. Jean de Brebeuf Catholic School.

Bishop Kirkpatrick spoke of St. Angela as an educator, who dedicated herself and her "Company of St. Ursula" to providing religious education to poor girls, teaching them "to practice a religious form of life in their own homes."

The Company was the first group of women to work outside of the cloister, and the first teaching order, launching a tradition of Catholic education.

"In spite of all obstacles that are present... the seed of God's Word has tremendous power," the Bishop said, citing Jesus' parable of the seed and the sower. "We pray that Jesus the Teacher will always guide our children."

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Battle of the Gwillimburies

MIRIAM KING

Bradford Times

For the past four years, Bradford West Gwillimbury Minor Hockey Association and its counterpart in East Gwillimbury have held a "Battle of the Gwillimburies" hockey challenge. Rep teams, from Novice to Midget "A," face off - with the trophy going to the side that earns the most points.

This year, there was more at stake than a trophy. There was a friendly challenge between mayors, with the loser agreeing to wear the winner's jersey at a public event.

It was Bradford West Gwillimbury that won the "Battle" 23 points to 13. On Feb. 2, the BWGMA Novice Rep team and Assistant Coach Anthony Agresti came to BWG council, to present a



MIRIAM KING/BRADFORD TIMES

From right, Assistant Coach Anthony Agresti and BWG Mayor Rob Keifer, joined by Bradford Bulldogs Novice hockey players, present East Gwillimbury Mayor Virginia Hackson with a Bradford jersey on Feb. 2.

Bulldogs jersey to Mayor Rob Keifer - who then handed it to special guest, East Gwillimbury Mayor Virginia Hackson.

"It's my honour to give this jersey to Virginia Hackson, the Mayor of East Gwillimbury," said Mayor Keifer, noting that there are close ties between the two municipalities, which are working together on issues

that include the Hwy. 400-404 bypass.

"Thank you very much. It was quite a challenge. We accept that Bradford won," said Mayor Hackson, promising to wear the BWGMA Bulldogs jersey at the next meeting of East Gwillimbury council - but suggesting that the outcome will be different next year.

Human Endeavour's EPIC proposal

MIRIAM KING

Bradford Times

The Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury has a unique economic development opportunity, thanks to Human Endeavour Corporation, and an Ontario Trillium Foundation grant.

But first, it needs to find the space for the proposed "Enterprise Promotion & Innovation Centre" (EPIC), founder and CEO Noor Din, founder and CEO of Human Endeavour, and Rev. Jim Keenan, chair of the board, came to BWG council to explain.

Human Endeavour was established in 2004 as a "entrepreneurial non-profit organization," Din told councillors, providing hands-on training, employment placement and economic development, through partnerships and social enterprises.

It's a model that was first

introduced in Vaughan, and since then has won awards for its H.O.P.E. Health Initiative and "out-of-the-box" training partnerships.

Human Endeavour plans to introduce the model to Bradford, working with the town's economic development office, BradfordWORKS, Northwaga Futures, The Bradford Learning Centre, Bradford United Church and other partners.

The Ontario Trillium Foundation has given Human Endeavour a \$334,100 grant, over three years, to bring Human Endeavour's proven program to Bradford - but what is needed, said Din, is a large "industrial footprint" for the EPIC centre, a space large enough to allow training on industrial and agricultural equipment, warehouse equipment, automotive, construction and welding.

"It's a very exciting time for

us to start working with the community," said Ree Keenan. "We want to partner with you in Bradford West Gwillimbury, to create economic opportunities... (and) cultivate a real culture of trades." Council was intrigued, but not ready to commit either the old arena or the old high school.

"It's a great opportunity for us. I hope we can provide the space, down the road - find you some space for your business, for the future of Bradford," said Deputy Mayor James Leduc.

Councillor Mark Contois was more blunt, calling the two buildings chosen "not very good... They're in residential areas." He noted that the old high school, in particular, was not appropriate for forklift or heavy equipment training.

"It's an exciting project," said Mayor Rob Keifer. "Maybe we can find some space, 7000-8000 sq. ft. for this project."

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Point of View

Making it right

To delay justice is injustice.

Those words are attributed to William Penn, 17th century philosopher, Quaker, founder of the city of Philadelphia - and they are as true today as they ever have been.

On Jan. 26, nine years after a complaint was first lodged, the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal ruled that the federal funding model for Aboriginal Child and Family Services is discriminatory - noting that First Nations children make up only 7% of all children in Canada, but over 48% of children apprehended by child and family services, and that federal funding is 22-38% below the levels provided by provincial and territorial governments to families off reserves.

The complaint was first filed in 2007, by Cindy Blackstock and her First Nations Child and Family Caring Society of Canada. She had the support of the Assembly of First Nations, and eventually, the Canadian Human Rights Commission - which took the battle to the Supreme Court in 2011.

All through the process, the federal government fought the

complaint and filed appeals, spending \$5 million on court battle after court battle. But that cost to the taxpayer is nothing compared to the human cost, for children and families on First Nations reserves.

With the lower levels of funding, much-needed counselling services, mental health resources and medical resources are generally not available in remote First Nations communities. Families in crisis have been unable to access the help they need, locally - and children have been apprehended, removed from their communities, and placed in foster care because there may be no other way to get medical treatment.

Federal under-funding of child and family services has been yet another blow to First Nations families, still struggling with the legacy of the Residential Schools - and if not a contributing factor in the high suicide rates in remote communities, has made it harder to find solutions.

The government's policies have been described as "discriminatory," the long court battle just added to the injustice.

It's time for the federal government to make it right.

Letters to the Editor



Submitted photo
Father Daniel Graves talks with Ruth Wood, former organist and choir director and head of the Altar Guild at Trinity Anglican Church on Sunday, Jan. 31 - his last day at the church.

FAREWELL TO FATHER DAN

To the editor: Sunday, Jan. 31 was Father Daniel F. Graves' last day at Trinity Anglican Church in Bradford, and a good number of parishioners attended the beautiful service. Fr. Dan gave an excellent parting sermon, offering thanks and appreciation to the people of Trinity Church for his five years here, and remembering many occasions in our lives that he has shared with us. He said, "These have been the best five years of my life, both professionally and personally," and offered encouraging words to a "faithful congregation."

Father Dan has been a true parish priest, ministering not only to our church, but to the people of this community, many of

whom came to the service. At the reception that followed, Mayor Rob Keller presented Fr. Dan with a gift from the town. Church Warden Sheryl MacPhee thanked him on behalf of the parishioners, and also presented him with several farewell gifts.

Fr. Dan, his wife Athena, son Leighton and daughter Ana each spoke thoughtful words of appreciation for their time in Bradford. Fr. Dan, a devoted shepherd to his flock, will be truly missed and fondly remembered. Indeed, we will miss his entire family. We wish them in their move to Newmarket.

MARGARET SCHROEDER
SECRETARY TRINITY
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RESPONDING TO TRAFFIC CHAOS

To the editor: This letter is about the parking and traffic chaos happening on Ashford Rd. I went to the Jan. 19 meeting of council and was not impressed.

1. To the people driving their kids to and from St. Angela Merici School - you have every right to do that. It does not mean you can park wherever you want to. You still have to park in legal parking spots - not in a No Parking zone, in front of fire hydrants or driveways, or double-parked. There is plenty of parking, although you may have to walk half a block - on West Park Ave. from Ashford to Miller Park, Saint Ave., Booth St., Milligan, Outlook Ave., Fairside Dr., Bradford, Vista, Gwillimbury Dr!

2. St. Angela Merici is not only a brand-new school, it is supposed to be a walking school. The school should be encouraging children and parents to walk, sending letters home with the kids and setting up walking groups or walking buddies. The only notice we received was in a school newsletter at the beginning of the year, that provided more information about the "Kiss and Go" drop-off. If the Kiss and Go is not working, and

putting kids in danger, I have no problem with shutting it down until it can be changed and made safe.

3. The town has done little to enforce the parking bylaws, issuing only 3 parking tickets from the beginning of September to the end of December, for parking on the wrong side of Ashford. They have many excuses, from not enough bylaw enforcement officers to lack of policing (although if you talk the Police, they say it is a bylaw problem). If you give out enough tickets, people will learn where to park.

As for changing the parking from the south side to the north side of Ashford, it does not make sense to have parking on the south side at the east end of Ashford, on the north side in the middle section, and on the south side again at the west end of the road. This is just asking for problems. And why should the homeowners on the south side of Ashford, who have been parking for 8 years lose their parking because 20 people cannot park in the right place, and the Town can't or won't enforce its own by-laws?

DUSTIN POWELL
BRADFORD

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Superbowl Sunday at the legion

The Bradford Legion is hosting a **Superbowl Party** at the Hall, 115 Back St., on Feb. 7 - only \$8, for chili, wings, nachos and other snacks, as you watch the game! Doors open at 5 p.m., kick-off is at 6:30 p.m. Support your favourite team by wearing their colours.

Also at the legion on Feb. 7, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. - a **Training and Development Workshop**, open to any members interested in learning about the duties of the Executive,

and branch operations.

There will be a **Fundraising Darts Tourney** at the legion to raise money for Elite Dance Corps, a school of dance in Bradford, on Feb. 21. Entry fee is \$20. Registration begins at 10 a.m., play at 11 a.m. sharp.

Friday Night Social Time Every Friday at 6 p.m. at the Bradford Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion, 115 Back St. in Bradford, enjoy dinner for a moderate fee, followed by music

and camaraderie. Don't forget - on the first Friday of the month, enjoy karaoke with Bob Serran, starting at 8 p.m. The public is welcome to attend. No cover charge. For information, call the legion at 905-775-5025.

Pub night! The 3rd Friday of every month is Pub Night at the Legion, from 8 p.m. to Midnight.

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For more information on events, programs and membership in the legion or the Ladies Auxiliary, or hall rentals, call Branch 521 at 905-775-5025.

Happy 90th!



MURRAY KINLO/BRADFORD TIMES

Ruth Langford was born on Dec. 24, but she never had the problem that so many "Christmas babies" face: birthday gifts doing double-duty as Christmas presents. On Christmas Eve, she said, "My mother never had anything wrapped up in Christmas paper. It was just birthday!" On Dec. 24, 2015, Ruth celebrated her 90th birthday. Bradford West Gwillimbury Mayor Rob Keffner and Ward Councillor Peter Ferragine presented a certificate on Jan. 27, congratulating Langford on the milestone event, at her 10th Line home, surrounded by her immediate family. Ruth credited her ongoing involvement with the Tec-We-Gwill Women's Institute, of which she is a past president, with keeping her active and young-at-heart. "I love it!" she said.

Memorial Liturgy for Rev. Canon Osler

St. Catherine of Alexandria Catholic Church, 56 Hearn St. in Bond Head, is holding a memorial divine liturgy, marking the 121st anniversary of the death of Rev. Canon Featherstone Osler. The service will be held this Saturday, February 6 at 4 p.m., to be followed by coffee and sweets served in the parish hall. Everyone

is welcome, to come and honour this pioneer cleric who came to West Gwillimbury from England in 1837, accompanied by his wife Ellen. Canon Featherstone Osler organized Trinity Anglican Parish, the forebear of St. Catherine's, and numerous other parishes in Upper Canada. He is also credited

with rousing supporters of the British Crown in opposition to the Rebellion of 1837, riding "late into the night, giving intelligence, stirring up the men and quieting the women" - and with proposing the name of "Bond Head", in honour of Lieut. Governor Sir Francis Bond Head, for the new post office and settlement.

Osler and his wife raised 8 children, the most notable of whom was Sir William Osler, father of modern diagnostic medicine in Canada.

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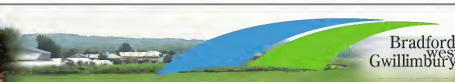
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- Tues. Feb. 16 @ 7:00 p.m. - BWG Library & Cultural Centre, 425 Holland St. W., Zima Rm

Board/Committee

Arts & Culture Advisory Committee

- Thurs. Feb 11 @ 6:30 p.m. - BWG Library & Cultural Centre, 425 Holland St. W., Boardroom

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Downtown RBC branch to close

MIRIAM KING

Bradford Times

The decision has been made to close the RBC branch in downtown Bradford, at 26 Holland St. East.

It's not a decision that sits well with some long-time clients.

On Monday, among the 11 people lined up to wait for a teller, the planned closure on June 3 of this year was a topic of discussion.

"It means I've got to go 'out of town' to do my banking," said Glen Meads - referring to the new RBC branch located at the west end of town, at 539 Holland St. West.

"I've only been here for 50 years," Meads added, noting that he had seen other banks close their branches in the downtown core, and customers switch their banking to RBC simply because it had maintained a downtown presence.

"What about the seniors?" asked one woman. While many residents have a vehicle, and are able to access the west end location, seniors may not have access to a car - and transit can be a challenge. "It's just the elderly people."

But regional vice president Stella Partipilo said that, although "we'll be merging the two branches," she was confident that RBC would continue to meet the needs of its clients.

"We always evaluate how best to serve our community," Partipilo said, noting that banking through ATMs, mobile phones and online is increasingly the preferred option for the majority of clients - and that the rapid residential growth in the west and north end has been well-served by the newer location.

She was asked about replacing an RBC ATM in the downtown core.

"We will keep the ATM there (at the branch location) as long as we own the building," Partipilo said - but acknowledged that there are plans to sell. "We're looking to see if there's another option for a full-service ATM," and an alternative location.

She was quick to emphasize that pulling out of the downtown core doesn't mean pulling out of the community. "We're excited about the growth in Bradford. We are confident we can continue to be an anchor in Bradford."

Mayor Rob Keffer was so concerned about the impact of the closure on the downtown, and revitalization plans, that he asked for a meeting with west branch manager Wayne Brakeboer.

"The Royal Bank branch at 26 Holland St. East has long been a prominent business in our downtown core, and it was sad to hear the plan to merge this branch with the one at Holland St. West," said Mayor Keffer after the meeting. "I was concerned with loss of jobs, and the level of service offered to the downtown community. I reiterated these issues with Mr. Brakeboer. We will work with the Royal Bank so they continue as a strong supporter of the community of Bradford West Gwillimbury."

Partipilo said that RBC is taking steps to ensure that the loss of jobs will be minimal. The "majority of the team" will be moving to the merged location, she said, and RBC is working to secure positions for the small number not readily accommodated. "Our priority is to keep everyone with us... within the RBC family."

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Bradford WORKS Community Employment Services offers a full range of services and programs for job seekers and employers in Bradford West Gwillimbury and surrounding areas. If you are looking for work, thinking of a career change or retraining, unsure of which direction to go in the future, or tired of online application forms and temporary positions, Bradford WORKS can help. All programs and services are free - funded through Employment Ontario.

Bradford WORKS has a wide variety of resources available to assist with both

short and long-term career goals, and can provide individualized personal service, going the extra mile to connect clients with programs and resources that help them achieve their dreams.

Come in to Bradford WORKS for an understanding response to the stresses of job loss or unemployment, and the support and encouragement needed for a successful return to work. Call 905-778-9088 or drop by the office at 95 Holland St. West. There is no obligation. Services are free, for both job-seekers and employers.



NOTICES

IMPORTANT NOTICE 2016 Property Tax Bills

The 2016 Interim property tax bills will be printed and mailed out commencing the last week of January 2016. Tax bills were issued for each of the following tax classes; residential, multi-residential, commercial, industrial, pipeline, farm and managed forests. The due dates are the same for all tax classes; first instalment due **February 25, 2016** and second instalment due **April 27, 2016**. Please note these bills represent no more than 50% of the previous year's annualized taxes levied.

Please note that the tax bills were printed prior to the February 1, 2016 penalty and interest being charged and only reflect payments received up to January 22, 2016. Any arrears/past due amounts included on the first instalment stub of this tax billing will be subject to additional interest if not paid by January 31, 2016.

Payment Options: Please see the back of tax bill for a list of accepted payment methods or visit our website at www.townofbwg.com.

Effective January 2016: A Payment Transfer Fee in the amount of \$10.00 will apply to correct each customer payment that was directed to the wrong account.

The Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) is responsible to value and classify your property. MPAC is a not-for-profit corporation funded by all Ontario municipalities. If you have any questions regarding your property assessment please contact MPAC at 1-866-296-6722, by email at enquiry@mpac.ca or visit their website at www.mpac.ca.

Please note if you feel your property assessed value or classification is not correct, you may file a Request for Reconsideration (RfR) with MPAC. The deadline to file your RfR for the 2016 tax year is March 31, 2016.

Owners of newly constructed homes may receive a tax bill for the value of the vacant lot only, until the home is assessed. Once the home is assessed, you will receive a supplementary/omitted tax bill for the taxes on the value of your home. This process may take up to 3 years and the taxes due will be retroactive to your date of occupancy. For an estimate of your annual taxes, multiply the purchase price of your home by the current tax rate (2015 tax rate was 0.01119161) or contact the Finance Department at 905-775-5303.

Failure to receive a tax bill does not excuse the property owner from the responsibility for payment, nor relieve him/her from liability of penalty for late payment.

Contact Us: Phone: 905-775-5366 | E-mail: admin@townofbwg.com



Principal of St. Angela Merici Catholic School, Joe Almeida welcomes guests to the Grand Opening of the school in Bradford last Wednesday.

Official Opening of St. Angela Merici School

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Local school board trustee Jeanny Salmon noted that in the 1950s, the Ursuline Sisters came to Bradford "committed to St. Angela's mission," and laid the roots of Catholic education in the community – now represented by over 2,000 students in 5 elementary

and one secondary Catholic Schools.

And MPP Hoggarth told the gathering that she had a life-long connection to the Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board, attending both St. Mary's Catholic elementary school, and St. Joseph's High School – back when it had a student body of only 98, in grades 9 through 12.

When she started, Hoggarth said, Catholic education was not publicly funded. Now, there are over 2 million students in publicly schools in Ontario, including Catholic schools, and the government invested \$9.4 million in the construction of St. Angela Merici to provide a positive atmosphere "for students to be enlightened and inspired."

Suspect arrested in dog shooting

York Region – Investigators with York Regional Police Criminal Investigations Bureau are looking for witnesses to assist in identifying three suspects, following the shooting of a dog in East Gwillimbury, On Oct. 15, 2015, shortly after midnight, police responded to a break and enter into a house boat, located on a property on Sand Road. The victim advised that his boat (which was his residence) had been broken into, and his dog had been shot. The dog, a St. Bernard named Lowkey, was taken to an emergency veterinarian but succumbed to the

gunshot wound. The man told police that earlier in the day he had taken his dog for a walk, and tied the dog up outside while he went into a convenience store on Queensview Sideroad West. When he came outside, he was confronted by two intoxicated females who claimed that the dog had bitten one of the women. One of the females told the victim that she knew where he lived, and she was going to shoot his dog. The man returned home, put his dog inside, and went out for a few hours. When he returned around 11:30 p.m., he found his

boat broken into, and his dog shot. Investigators seized video which shows three suspects arriving at the property on ATVS (see <https://youtu.be/1eJpCHfTmE>), and following a lengthy investigation, identified the woman who had threatened to shoot the dog, Jessica Walker, 26, of Thornhill was charged with Uttering Threats, but has refused to identify the suspects responsible for the break-in and shooting. Anyone with information is asked to contact CIB at 1-866-876-5423 ext. 7141 or to remain anonymous, call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.

MIRIAM KING Bradford Times

This February, Rev. Dr. Daniel Scott celebrates a milestone: his 20th year as senior pastor of St. John's Presbyterian Church. His tenure has been marked by tremendous changes, and a huge turnaround for the local Presbyterian church.

When newly-ordained Rev. Scott, his wife Kelly and two children moved to Bradford in 1994, St. John's Presbyterian – then located on the corner of Church and John Streets – had a membership of around 50. On his first Sunday in the pulpit, there were 12 people in the audience, "and three of them were Kelly and my two kids."

The whole annual budget came to less than \$30,000, barely enough to pay for heating, and the circa 1893 church itself, although "such a beautiful, spectacular old building," was neither handicapped-accessible, nor in good repair.

Scott immediately began rebuilding the fabric of the church – visiting with families once associated with St. John's, but who hadn't attended in years; revamping the services so that they remained traditional but never "stale or stuffy," and running the church as a business.

One of his first initiatives was to persuade the members to install a telephone in the church. Without its own phone, St. John's wasn't listed in any directory. "In today's terms, it would be like not having a church website," Rev. Scott has said – but the debate over the phone was extensive. "It was a big hushbabah."

Rev. Scott prevailed, giving the church a higher profile. He worked with members to come up with new mission statement and "Sharing the love of Christ through worship, education and service" – and introduced new programs that reached out to the community.

Within eight years, attendance had grown to more than 150 for Sunday services, the

annual budget to over \$250,000 – and the church had outgrown its historic building. The sale of the old property, the purchase of land on 10 Sideroad, and the construction of a new accessible church, with parking, a nursery, gymnasium, and larger sanctuary, all took place under his watch. In Nov. 2004, the current St. John's Presbyterian Church opened its doors.

"The new church is an expression of the continuity of Presbyterian worship in Bradford West Gwillimbury. That tradition can be traced back 197 years, to the arrival of the settlers from Lord Selkirk's failed Red River Settlement."

Rev. Scott has brought that "community builder" approach to all of his interests. He oversaw Tynesdale College's transition to a university, with the right to grant Bachelor degrees in Humanities, Business and Social Sciences. When he started, the college had five faculty members. "When I finished as Dean, we had 33."

He also oversaw the development of a new "privately-funded but publicly-accountable" faith-based education program, providing a "Catholic Track" teaching degree that would enable Presbyterian students to teach in separate schools. The program began seven years ago, at the Sisters of St. Joseph campus on Bayview Ave. in Toronto; recently, Tynesdale purchased the 34-acre campus, renovating and reopening the facility in September.

Dr. Scott has tenure at Tynesdale, where he teaches classes in World Religions, Cross-Cultural Studies, and Anthropology for Humanitarian Work. He left the Dean position in 2010 to take a sabbatical – and typically, to embark on a whole new project, launching the Canadian arm of Save the Mothers.

Save the Mothers is an international organization that offers a unique perspective: training professionals in a wide range of fields, in developing coun-

tries, to promote programs that improve maternal-child health. Its Masters in Public Health Leadership equips graduates to take action in the public sphere, to reduce preventable maternal deaths, inspired by the statistics: In the developing world, an estimated 287,000 mothers and 4 million infants die each year, due to unsafe childbirth conditions.

Dr. Scott is passionate about bringing awareness of the organization to Canada. In his first year, the Canadian arm had a budget of \$13,000; this year, "the Board just approved a \$1 million budget."

As if he weren't busy enough, besides his pastoral duties and involvement in activities that include the Community Meal, Dr. Scott has other projects on the go. He's hoping to develop the historic St. Linea Scotch Settlement Church as a new 200-pot cemetery and Columbarium – after spending \$50,000 to research and ensure clear title to the church and its acreage – and is currently looking out how best to use funds from the sale of a portion of St. John's lands to Bekeham Properties for seniors' housing, for youth programming.

So, how did a minister who grew up in Woodbridge, who was "always interested in urban churches," end up in Bradford?

"Why are we here? There's no simple answer," he says. Twenty years ago, he heard that St. John's Presbyterian was church "in trouble" and felt drawn to respond; he liked the feel of Woodbridge – "This feels like what Woodbridge used to feel like" – and Go transit offered a fast trip to downtown Toronto and Knox College. "It kind of fell together."

Besides, his youngest child was born at the Manse in Bradford.

Rev. Dr. Dan Scott plans to continue his community building at St. John's Presbyterian, looking forward – although he admits, "If there were an opportunity that came up, then China would be compelling."



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Naturalists meet

York-Simcoe Naturalists meet on Tuesday, Feb. 9, at the River Drive Park Community Centre, 20 Oak Ave. in River Drive Park (off Queensville SR, north of Holland Landing), 7:30 p.m. Guest speaker is Crystal Robertson of the Toronto Zoo's Adopt-a-Pond program, talking about amphibians and reptiles. New members always welcome. Light refreshments will be available – lug a mug! For information see www.yasnaturalists.com or Facebook.com/YorkSimcoeNaturalists on Facebook.

Check your CancerIQ on World Cancer Day

Feb. 4 is World Cancer Day 2016, and the first anniversary of MyCancerQ, an online cancer risk assessment tool. Users can assess their risk of breast, cervical, colorectal and lung cancer – and now, kidney cancer and melanoma.

Since the launch of MyCancerQ in early 2015, more than 146,000 Ontarians have learned about their risk of cancer, and how to lower that risk.

Residents of York Region, North York and South Simcoe are encouraged to visit MyCancerQ.ca to complete the confidential cancer risk assessment, get a personalized action plan, and share and discuss their plans with their families and health care providers. MyCancerQ, which was created by Cancer Care Ontario, in partnership with the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, can be accessed from a smartphone, tablet or desktop.

Cupcakes to the rescue

Feb. 29 is National Cupcake Day, when cupcakes come to the rescue of the OSPCA and local humane societies.

Register to bake cupcakes and hold a Cupcake Day fundraising party at work, school or home. Register before Feb. 16, and receive a free 2016 Host Kit, including digital images, posters, coloring sheets for kids, and pledge sheets. Host Kits can also be downloaded from the support.ontariospca.ca website. Last year, National Cupcake Day was a tremendous success, raising close to \$550,000 for abandoned, neglected and abused animals across Canada. Help "bake" a difference!



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Transit Project Assessment Process GO Rail Network Electrification – Public Meetings

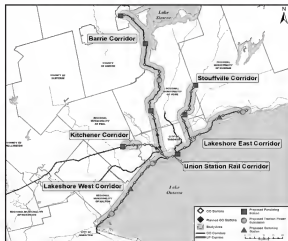
Metrolinx, an agency of the Province of Ontario, is helping to transform the way the region moves by building a seamless, convenient and integrated transit network across the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area (GTHA).

As part of this project, we are expanding GO Transit to enable 15-minute service on most corridors with electrified trains, which will enable faster and more frequent service. Together, these infrastructure improvements will change how people move around Toronto and the region with four times the current number of GO train trips, service on evenings and weekends, and twice the number of trips during peak periods.

Building on the GO Electrification Study completed in 2010, which looked at the electrification of the GO Transit rail system network, Metrolinx is currently undertaking environmental studies under the Transit Project Assessment Process (TPAP), in accordance with Ontario Regulation 231/08, to examine the conversion of several rail corridors from a diesel to an electric-based system. The project will include design and implementation of a traction power supply system (i.e. traction power substations and high voltage connections to Hydro One's existing grid), as well as power distribution components (i.e. electrical power distribution facilities) located in the vicinity of the rail corridors.

The Study Area (see map) includes six GO rail corridors, including potential locations for the electrical power supply and distribution facilities:

- Union Station Rail Corridor
- Lakeshore West Corridor – Strachan Avenue to Burlington
- Kitchener Corridor – UP Express Spur (at Highway 427) to Bramalea
- Lakeshore East Corridor – Don River to Oshawa GO Station
- Barrie Corridor – Parkside Junction to Altonville GO Station
- Stouffville Corridor – Scarborough Junction to Lincolnville GO Station



A series of public meetings are being held as part of the TPAP process to provide information about the scope of the project, environmental studies, design and engineering components, preliminary locations for traction power supply/distribution facilities, project timelines and next steps. Interested persons are encouraged to attend:

Tuesday, February 16, 2016
Jen Vanier Catholic Secondary School
959 Midland Avenue
Scarborough, ON M1K 4G4
6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, February 23, 2016
Nantyr Shores Secondary School
11146 Anna Maria Avenue
Innisfil, ON L9S 4X5
6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Monday, February 29, 2016
Oakville Trafalgar High School
1460 Devon Road
Oakville, ON L6L 3L6
6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 3, 2016
Holly Community Centre
171 Mapleton Avenue
Barrie, ON L4N 8T6
6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 9, 2016
Lakeshore Collegiate Institute
350 Kipling Avenue
Etobicoke, ON M9V 3L1
6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 17, 2016
St. Maximilian Kolbe Catholic High School
278 Wellington Street East
Aurora, ON L4G 1J5
6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 24, 2016
Metro Toronto Convention Centre
North Building, Room 203
255 Front Street West
Toronto, ON M5V 2W6
6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 1, 2016
Holy Name of Mary Catholic Secondary School
115 Glenview Blvd.
Brampton, ON L6S 3J7
6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Monday, March 7, 2016
St. Joan of Arc Catholic High School
1 St. Joan of Arc Avenue
Maple, ON L6A 1W9
6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 10, 2016
Glenview Public School
1934 Glenview Road
Pickering, ON L1V 1X2
6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Monday, February 22, 2016
Unionville High School
201 Town Centre Blvd.
Unionville, ON L3R 9G5
6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Thursday, February 25, 2016
Abilities Centre
55 Gordon Street
Whitby, ON L1N 0J2
6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 2, 2016
Stouffville District Secondary School
801 Hoover Park Drive
Stouffville, ON L4A 0A4
6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 8, 2016
Robert Bateman High School
5151 New Street
Burlington, ON L7L 1V3
6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 22, 2016
Nelson Mandela Park Public School
440 Shuter Street
Toronto, ON M5A 1X6
6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

For additional information about this project, please visit go.transit.com/electrification.

Consultation with the public, review agencies and Aboriginal communities is a key component of the GO Rail Network Electrification Transit Project Assessment Process. Comments and information regarding this study will be collected to assist in meeting the requirements of the *Environmental Assessment Act*, and may be included in study documentation. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record. If you have a comment or question, or to receive additional information related to the project, please contact the project team: electrification@metrolinx.com or via telephone 416-869-3200. Pour plus de renseignements, veuillez composer le 416-869-3200 ou le 1 888 GET-ON-GO (438-6646).



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CNW - Postmasters in four small Canadian towns expect to be doing a booming business over the next week, thanks to Valentine's Day. That's because they cancel stamps with their community's name:

• **Love, Saskatchewan** – home to fewer than 100 people, the village has been cancelling stamps with 'Love' since 1984. Address: Connie Black-Sturby-Postmaster; Canada Post, Love, 305 Main St., Love SK S0J 1P0.

• **Saint-Valentin, Quebec**, the special cancel was first created in 1994 since then the post office (which regularly serves about 500 residents) has seen thousands of mail items come through every Valentine's Day. Address: Lilianne Barbeau-Postmaster, Canada Post,

Saint-Valentin, 790 chemin 4e ligne, Saint-Valentin QC J0J 2E0.

• **Cupids, Newfoundland**. The post office serves about 800 people daily. Address: Donna Gibson-Postmaster, Canada Post, Cupids, Cupids NL A0A 2B0.

• **Heart's Content, Newfoundland**. The special cancel for this post office, which serves 700 people, was created in 2003. Address: Joy Parrott-Postmaster, Canada Post, Heart's Content, 218 Main Road, Heart's Content NL A0B 1Z0.

To obtain a Special Cancel in time for Valentine's Day, add proper postage to your addressed card or love letter, place it in a larger envelope (also with proper postage) and send it to the post office of your choice, at the address given above.

Dine and dance with your Valentine

BRADFORD TIMES STAFF

Valentine's Day is the perfect time to take your significant other out for an evening of dining and dancing, and creating perfect memories.

Music In Motion Performing Arts (MIMPA) is offering a **Fun Night and Babysitting service**, Feb. 12 and 13, from 6 p.m. to midnight, and Feb. 14 from 4 to 10 p.m., for ages 3 to 18. Includes a Kids' Zone and Teen Lounge. Cost is \$10 per child (\$5 for additional siblings), per night. For more on this Valentine's special, see www.mimpa.ca or contact MIMPA at info@mimpa.ca or 905-778-0440.

Trinity Anglican Church hosts its annual **Valentine's Day Dance** on Saturday, Feb. 13, 7:30 p.m. at the Bradford Community Centre, 125 Simcoe Road, featuring the band, The Cruisers. Tickets are \$20 each, available at 905-775-3134.

Enjoy a **Valentine's Dinner and Dance** at the Portuguese Cultural Centre of Bradford, 767 Simcoe



MURRAY KING/BRADFORD TIMES

Roses mean true love, in the language of flowers. Here, bouquet from Linda's Floral Design in Bradford.

Road, on Saturday, Feb. 13. Doors open at 6 p.m., with dinner of roast beef, rice, soup, salad and dessert at 7 p.m., followed by music by the band Santa Fé. For members, tickets are \$25 for adults, \$12 for children ages 7 to 12, \$30 and \$15 for non-members. Call 905-252-1859, 905-775-3254 or 905-775-4938.

Greater Life Community Church presents a **Couples'**

Valentines Dinner at Lusitano Banquet Hall, 15 Holland St. West, on Sunday, Feb. 14 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Tickets are \$65 per couple for an evening of door prizes, games, food and fun. Pastor Eaton Grant will talk about "A Relationship Driven by Love." Please RSVP by Feb. 10 to Lisa Artuso, at artuso.lisa@gmail.com

Why not enjoy an evening

of theatre in Cookstown? South Simcoe Theatre presents **Weekend Comedy** – a winter blues-fighting farce about two couples, in a one-bedroom vacation home. Performances at 8 p.m. on Thurs., Fri., and Sat., 2 p.m. on Sundays, at the Old Towne Hall Theatre, 1 Hamilton St. in Cookstown. Feb. 4-21. Tickets \$18 per person; call 705-458-4432 to reserve.

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Stunning gown with train, by Ken Winston, available at Elmwood Brides.



MIRIAM KING/BRADFORD TIMES

Victoria Bourque Beauty Boutique team provided the make-up and updo's for the fashion show at the Bradford Bridal Show.

Here comes the bride

MIRIAM KING
Bradford Times

The Portuguese Cultural Centre provided an elegant venue for this year's Bradford Bridal Show.

On Jan. 21, over 100 prospective brides, their friends and family members enjoyed refreshments, door prizes, a bridal fashion show, and displays by vendors.

Organized by Victoria Bourque Beauty Boutique, Tricia Crosswell of Silpada Jewellery and Linda's Floral Design, the show offered a unique array of businesses and services - including a number of innovative new options.

Premium Bartending, a company established last summer, provides expert, Smart-Serve-trained staff for receptions, stag and bachelorette parties - capulized drink menus, and even creating a special drink for a special occasion.

At the other end of the scale, DriverSeat offers a socially-responsible way to celebrate: "We take you and your car home."

The Bridal Show was an opportunity to check out the latest trends in wedding fashions, colors and entertaining.

There has been a return to simplicity and elegance in floral arrangements, thanks to Linda Donaher of Linda's

Floral Design. White is 'hot,' paired with highlights of palest pink or blue, or offset with deeper tones of fuchsia and dusty rose. And roses are back as 'the' flower of bouquets and arrangements.

The same elegance and muted colors are popular for wedding cakes, according to Crumbs Bake Shoppe. "It's still the whites and the pale pinks, blues and silvers," says Kayla Kors. Even with touches of 'vintage,' the look is "modern and clean," and again, roses - real, gum or fondant - provide an elegant touch.

In the fashion show, with men's fashions by Moore's and gowns provided by Elmwood Brides of Aurora, it was all classic styling, updos, understated make-up, fabrics like lace, organza and tulle, in white, ivory, and palest champagne. The gowns, by designers that included Kenneth Winston, Allure, Paloma Blanca, Alfred Sung and After Six, ranged from fantasy ballgowns, to a heavily beaded and embroidered cocktail-style dress, suitable for a summer or beach wedding.

One new trend: backless dresses, or gowns with an "illusion" back - sheer fabric, beaded with pearls or beads.

Wedding planning, life and financial planning, invitations,



MIRIAM KING/BRADFORD TIMES

Perfect for summer or beach weddings - cocktail-length wedding gown, with embroidery and beading, by Allure.

DJ Services, Chair Decor linen rentals, Glow Studio airbrush tanning, Victoria Bourque Beauty Boutique - guests could find the appropriate company to help plan for their wedding, and beyond.

And yes, destination weddings and tropical honeymoons remain popular - Jamaica, Belize, "and if you want adventure, Costa Rica," says Cheryl Kelly-Guest of Cruise Holidays.

Coming up at the library

Coming up at the
BWG Public Library, 425
Holland St. West:

PA Day Movie - Inside Out, at the Bradford Public Library on Feb. 5, at 2 p.m. Free.

I Heart Art - Basic sewing and spray techniques to make Valentine's Cards and Crafts to take home, for ages 8 to 12. Saturday,

Feb. 6 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Cost \$7 per child.

February Blues, with Aura Rully and Paul Hoffer - free in the Atrium, on Sunday, Feb. 7 from 2 to 5 p.m.

I Live Chue! Like the board game, but real! Weds., Feb. 10 at 7 p.m. Free, but pre-registration required, at the library.

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Despair and hope in the north

MIRIAM KING

Bradford Times

When Paul Burston travelled to Mishkeegogamang First Nations earlier this year, he had hoped to see progress on the planned partnership to establish a hub in the community, located about 1800 km north of Bradford. The hub would serve as a distribution centre for dried soup mix and dried fruit provided by the Southwestern Ontario Gleaners, as a supplement for northern communities.

When he arrived, Burston found a community that seemed demoralized – where the hopefulness of last summer, when volunteers brought summer youth programs to the reserve, had evaporated.

Burston was puzzled, until he learned that the remote community was mourning 12 deaths, in the period before Christmas Eve – including four deaths due to a fatal fire.

Mishkeegogamang was reeling from its losses. The community has a fire truck, but without a heated garage in which to store the vehicle, precious time was lost filling the tank with water.

The deaths underline the issues facing remote northern communities: poverty, inadequate and unsafe housing, lack of services, substance abuse, depression. And although there have been a number of home repairs undertaken recently, there is still a need for hundreds of new homes in Mishi, to replace substandard buildings that are falling apart, or unsafe.

"It was quite difficult," Burston said of his visit. "The challenges of the north can't be underestimated. You're dealing with such a huge history of neglect and systemic abuse."

The bright spot in his three-day stay in Mishi was meeting with students at the local school, who will be coming to Bradford West Gwillimbury later this year, as part of a North-South Exchange in May.

"It was such a mix of good and bad. I've had a few sleepless nights, strategizing," Burston admitted. While up north, he met with Pickle Lake Mayor Kit Hopt, youth co-ordinator Destani Skunk and teacher Harriet Vaz, and Mishkeegogamang Band councillors David Masakeyash and Michael Bottie.

To address the needs of remote communities, there is a need to "focus on the basic, the things that make life comfortable and livable" – shelter, clean water, food. The Gleaners' dried soup mix – nutritious, light-weight, easily stored – could be part of the solution, in an area where the price of fresh produce is prohibitive and diabetes is rampant, especially among the young.



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Volunteers and Indigenous Youth, coming together at Mishkeegogamang First Nations, during a summer program at the remote Ontario community, in 2012.

But one of the stumbling blocks to the construction of the distribution hub has been resistance in the community to using the Gleaners' soup mix. A quantity was delivered, intended to provide nutritious school lunches, but not used – partly because the mix on its own is bland; partly because it requires special handling, and overnight rehydration. A local recipe competition is being considered, and the Gleaners themselves are looking at adjusting the ingredients, to make it more palatable to local tastes.

But Mishkeegogamang will have to take the initiative and step up to the plate if it wants the investment, and get beyond crisis, after crisis, after crisis," Burston said. "It's discouraging, but it won't stop me. I'm working full-time on this."

It will take long-term commitment to resolve the problems, and rebuild hope – something that has been lacking, in dealings with remote northern populations.

Earlier in the decade, a North-South Partnership linked organizations, companies, universities and private citizens in Southern Ontario with 30 remote First Nations communities in Northwestern Ontario. Initially, there were at least nine southern participants and hopes were high; now the funding has all but run out.

"This is the thing that's discouraging for First Nations. People go there and make promises... and then they're gone," Burston said. He found that potential corporate donors appear to be interested primarily in "payback," refusing because "We don't do business in that area."

The new federal government can be part of a solution, if promised infrastructure funding goes not only to "shovel-ready" projects, but projects that are "shovel-worthy," and that can create a better life for the next generation of First Nations children, Burston said. "I'm hopeful that Trudeau will keep his promises... It's never off my mind –

it's the kids, more than anything, to break this cycle of despair."

He is committed to the long term, despite setbacks. "You have to start somewhere. It's my faith that causes me to think beyond self, to where the possibilities are. That's what sustains me," he said. "In my life, I want to make a difference."

There is another recent development that gives him hope. On Jan. 26, the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal ruled on a 2007 complaint brought by the First Nations Child and Family Caregiver Society of Canada, its executive director Cindy Blackstock, and the Assembly of First Nations, regarding the level of federal funding for First Nations Child and Family Services.

Initially, the tribunal refused to hear the complaint, but an appeal by the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal to the Supreme Court in 2011 led to a full hearing being ordered. The federal government of Prime Minister Stephen Harper spent \$5 million, fighting the complaint and appealing the court ruling – unsuccessfully.

The Human Rights Tribunal ultimately ruled that too many First Nations children were being taken from their families and placed in care – and that services were inadequate and underfunded, compared to off-reserve families. The tribunal called the current program and level of funding "discriminatory."

According to Statistics Canada, aboriginal children make up only 7% of all children in Canada, but 48.1% of children in foster care – and federal funding for child services on reserves is 22% to 36% lower than the funding provided by provinces and territories.

The tribunal ruled the government must "cease the discriminatory practice and take measures to redress and prevent it."

For more information, or to get involved, contact prburston@rogers.com.

Engaging the community in heritage

MIRIAM KING

Bradford Times

Museum on the Boyne is one of the best-kept secrets of South Simcoe.

Housed in the old 1914 Alliston Agricultural Fair building on Fletcher Crescent, the Museum on the Boyne curates historical artifacts from five South Simcoe municipalities. Memorable, pioneer and farming relics from Adajia-Tosorontio, Bradford West Gwillimbury, Tecumseh, Essa and Innisfil are on display – and on the surrounding lands, outbuildings include a circa-1851 log cabin, and the Kaffer Barn from West Gwillimbury, built in 1858.

But few South Simcoe residents even know the museum exists.

"We cover a really big area, so it's difficult sometimes to have all of the communities be aware that we're here," says curator Kate Huddleston. "We need input."

To get that input, and boost its profile, the museum hosted an "Engaging Your Community" workshop on Jan. 19. The session was held with funding from the Ontario Museum Association and help from a facilitator from the Tamarack Institute for Community Engagement.

Community leaders, library staff, media, historical society members and educators were invited to attend the all-day session – including a school-bus load of participants from Innisfil, led by Councillor Stan Daurio and town planner Paul Pentikainen.

They toured the buildings and the museum collections, before breaking out into work sessions, where they were asked to first identify the challenges facing the museum. Those challenges included the distance from other centres of population, the lack of access and transportation – and perhaps most importantly, the lack of awareness in the communities of South Simcoe.

Tamarack Institute facilitator Tara Galin then invited the group to come up with "ways the museum can go beyond the walls to stretch out into the community."

She asked them for ideas, for programs and services that would have meaning and boost interest. "There are no bad ideas," Gainer said. "The sky's the limit."

"Up to now, we've identified: What does it mean? How does it reach the community?," said Councillor Daurio during a brief break. "Now we're going into the really exciting part: How do we get out of this building and into the community?"

Daurio added, "We've got all kinds of ideas from different perspectives. We have to find a way to make this part of our cultural fabric."

Each table was asked to come up with three key ideas, to move up the museum forward and engage the public. There was plenty of consen-



MIRIAM KING, BRADFORD TIMES

Among the participants in the Engaging Your Community workshop at the Museum on the Boyne was BWG resident June Chambers, right, in Alliston, January 19.

sus, from group to group.

Participants emphasized the need for greater outreach – travelling exhibits, pop-up displays in empty storefronts or local libraries, to bring the displays to the people "because the community doesn't always come here."

There was talk of partnerships, inviting groups ranging from Quilters' Guilds to Historical Societies to visit and make use of the facilities – and talk of sending out speakers, to talk about heritage to community groups like the Lions and Rotary Clubs.

And there were calls for improved communications. The museum was advised to develop its own interactive website – right now, it has a page on the Town of New Tecumseth website – and to use existing media, sites and groups to promote and advertise its programs and services.

"We can't remember the last time we've seen a Museum on the Boyne advertisement," said Donna Wice, Innisfil Historical Society representative.

Suggestions included working with school boards to tie in with the curriculum, arranging for school trips, and creating museum "Edu-Kits" to be distributed to classrooms; and hosting more events and workshops that would attract visitors, from scavenger hunts to "Victorian Days." "Marketing is key," said Nicole Brown, of the Banting Homestead Heritage Park.

The day ended with the participants refining the best suggestions, and creating a plan to move forward, to increase both the profile and the sustainability of the Museum on the Boyne.

New Tecumseth Mayor Rick Milne attended the session. "It's a great day for all five municipalities to get together and exchange ideas and roles," Milne said. "This is a South Simcoe museum."

Museum on the Boyne is located at 250 Fletcher Crescent in Alliston. For information call 705-435-4030 or see Museum on the Boyne at newtecumseth.ca.

February is Heritage Month

Anniversary of Women's Institute

Feb. 19 marks the 119th anniversary of Women's Institutes. The first branch of WI was formed in Stoney Creek, Ontario, on Feb. 19, 1897, by Adelaide Hoodless, with the goal of teaching home-making and motherhood skills to rural women. Since then, Women's Institutes have been drivers for change, in public health and community safety – successfully lobbying for the pasteurization of milk, wrappers on bread, dividing lines on 2-lane roads, flashing lights and stop arms on school buses, and a host of other improvements that Canadians now take for granted. Today, the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario have an estimated 3,500 members, in 290 branches. To celebrate the anniversary, branches are being asked to participate in the Quinco Bucks, Beers and Blankets project – putting together packages of a book, stuffed animal and small blanket to be distributed to children at risk of trauma, by local police, fire and paramedics.

The Bond Head Women's Institute and Tec-Wec-Gwill

WI – the only two Women's Institutes remaining in South Simcoe – are participating in the project.

Black History Day in Richmond Hill

On Saturday, Feb. 13, the Richmond Hill Central Library, 1 Atkinson St., presents **The Life of Alfred Lafferty**, a man of colour and headmaster of the Richmond Hill County Grammar School in 1866. Presentation by historian Hilary Damon at 10:30 a.m., admission \$5 payable at the Service Desk. The presentation will be followed by **Soul Food from Ansell's Taste of the Islands** at 11:30 a.m.; lunches must be pre-ordered and prepaid at www.rhpl.richmondhill.on.ca At 12:30 p.m. watch **Mavel**, Jessica Edward's documentary on gospel singer and civil rights icon Mavis Stables and her family group, The Staple Singers.

Recumbent & West Gwillimbury Hist. Soc. The Recumbent & West Gwillimbury Historical Society meets at the Tec-Wec-Gwill Hall in Newton Robinson on Monday, Feb. 15, at 7:30 p.m. for a showing of the documentary, **The Marsh Muckers' Tale** – a view of

the Holland Marsh through the eyes and experiences of Marsh Farmers. Jason Verkaik, Carron Farmers, will introduce the film and answer questions. Followed by refreshments and a social hour.

BWG Local History Association meets

The BWG Local History Association meets Saturday, Feb. 27 in the Activity Room of the BWG Leisure Centre, at 2 p.m. Karon Mills will present "Famous People in Bradford West Gwillimbury." All welcome to attend.

100 Years of Suffrage Did you know?... On Jan. 28, 1916, women won the right to vote in the Province of Manitoba. Two years later, the bill giving women the right to vote was passed by the Parliament of Canada, on May 24, 1918. But it wasn't until the Person's Case of 1929, launched by the "Famous Five" – Nellie McClung, Emily Murphy, Henrietta Muir Edwards, Louis McKinney and Irene Parby – that women won the right to seek appointment to the Senate. The Supreme Court of Canada had ruled that women were not persons: the British Privy Council overturned the court's ruling, on appeal.

Checking out the Bradfordlicious menus

MIRIAM KING

Bradford Times

February is Bradfordlicious month in the Town of BWG – a month dedicated to exploring cuisines from around the world, as interpreted by local restaurants.

"Bradfordlicious is about food, and it's about community," says Rick Brooks, president of the BWG Events Group, which organizes the month-long event. "We saw a need to help the restaurants and get people to shop and eat locally."

From Feb. 5–28, participating restaurants will be offering a three-course meal for \$20, or lunch special for \$10, to lure residents with a promise of excellent food, and excellent value. There's always a strong local component to Bradfordlicious. Each year, restaurants are challenged to create a signature soup using local produce – this year, potatoes donated by Downey Farms of Shelburne .Ont., to be used to create a signature potato soup.

The third annual Bradfordlicious features 12 participating destinations: La MexiCanada, The Tin Roof, Cellhouse 1812 St. Louis Bar & Grill, Akita Sushi, Don Cherry's Sports



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Matt Martin, left, joins celebrity taste tester Lou Schizas at Smokin' Piggy Louisiana Smokehouse.

Grill, Dutch Treat's Onix Cafe, Hero Certified Burgers, Lee's Tasty House, Regino's Pizza & Wings, Winpy's Diner, and a new restaurant that will be celebrating its grand opening this Saturday, Feb. 6, at 1 p.m.

The menu included jambalaya, a unique Louisiana potato soup with just a hint of spice, pulled pork poutine, hand-made colelaw, and a

fabulous Mississippi Mud Cake, served in parliat glasses.

"Very flavourful. The jambalaya – outstanding," said Schizas, but he saved his top praise for the soup.

"Soup is my preferred feed. If you want to know the quality of the food, start with the soup," he said. "I've never had a potato soup I liked, but this I love. A round of applause for the chef!"

Bradfordlicious booklets are now available, listing details and participating restaurants – or see www.bradfordlicious.com.

Bradfordlicious has a tie-in with a local charity: \$1 from the sale of each Bradfordlicious meal will go to President's Choice Children's Charity, to support breakfast programs in local schools.

Agricultural memorabilia



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Louis Theriault was the guest speaker at the Jan. 23 meeting of the BWG Local History Association, his topic: "Agricultural Memorabilia." Theriault brought several of his more than 30 intricate, hand-made models of horse-drawn wagons and scenes from the past, and shared stories of the history they represented. From a sewing machine transformed into a tractor, to a horse-drawn fire truck, the models captured the rural pioneering past. The next meeting of the Historical Association will take place on Saturday, Feb. 27 at 2 p.m. The topic: "Famous People in BWG," with guest speaker Karon Mills.

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Superbowl Sunday at St. Louis



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Amber, right, and Allison, with some of the sports "swag" to be won at St. Louis Bar and Grill's Superbowl Party in Bradford. St. Louis Bar and Grill in Bradford, located at 541 Holland St. West, is throwing a Superbowl Party on Sunday, Feb. 7 starting at 4 p.m. - with drink specials, a chance to win great prizes and give-aways, and a wing-eating contest, only \$10 to enter, with all proceeds going to the Shining Through Centre for Children with Autism. Enter to win free wings for a year. St. Louis Bar and Grill is also offering a Chili-Challenge. Sample up to five homemade chilis for a \$5 donation, and vote for your favourite. February is a busy month at the Bradford restaurant - celebrating Valentine's Day on Feb. 14 with a visit from "Cupid" and a three-course Bradfordificious meal for only \$19.99; Family Day on Feb. 15 featuring face-painting for a donation to Shining Through Centre; and the restaurant's first anniversary, on Feb. 22.



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Hockey Day in BWG

Hockey Day in Canada is a tradition in Bradford West Gwillimbury. On Feb. 6, Tyke and Novice teams will take to outdoor skating rinks at the Bud Brown Memorial Park in Bond Head, for a "pond hockey" tournament from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., weather-permitting. At the adjacent Bond Head Community Hall, Bond Head Lions will serve a hearty pancake breakfast starting at 8 a.m., with airbrush tattoos and strolling entertainment beginning at 9 a.m. At 11 a.m., the Lions will switch grills and begin serving up a barbecue lunch. For more information on the eighth annual Hockey Day in BWG, contact Joe Lotto, leisure events and marketing co-ordinator, at 905-775-5359 ext. 5102, or email jlotto@townofbwg.com.

Barrie Winterfest

Barrie Winterfest returns, Feb. 6-7 at the Waterfront and Heritage Park. Free horse-drawn wagon rides, \$2 dog sled rides (weather permitting), Snow Valley Mini-tube slide, Helicopter rides, Scouts' cook-out and food vendors, giant snow sculptures by professional carvers, and an icy wonderland of ice sculptures, creating a magical woodland. There will be Fat Bike Demos, kites on the ice, and Lumberjack shows at noon, 1:30 and 3 p.m., both Saturday and Sunday. Catch the Speaking of Wildlife display, Fire and Light performers from 4 to 8 p.m. on Saturday, and join the town crier for a Walking Tour of Historic Barrie at 7 p.m. on Saturday, starting at Memorial Square. For the brave, there's the annual Polar Bear Dip



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Tyke and Novice teams will take to the ice for an outdoor Tourney in Bud Brown Memorial Park in Bond Head this Saturday, Feb. 6.

In Lake Simcoe, at noon on Sunday, at Centennial Beach, Winterfest takes place from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Feb. 6, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Feb. 7.

Barrie Jazz

Barrie Jazz & Blues Fest presents the February Blues, Feb. 3 to 7, at venues that include restaurants, bars, bistros, cafeterias, and libraries in Barrie and area. Among the scheduled performances: Jack de Keyser Band at 8:30 p.m. on Feb. 5 at Sticky Fingers Bar & Grill - and at Angies Outdoors on Feb. 6 at 7:30 p.m. The Innisfil Public Library will host Kevin Firth & Friends at the Ideal AB on Feb. 5 from 6 to 9 p.m., and the Havelin Hotstruts at the Cookstown Branch, Feb. 6 from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The Bradford Public Library, 425 Holland St. West, presents Jazz Singer Aura Rully, accompanied by Paul Hoffer, Feb. 7 from 2 to 5 p.m. See www.barriejazzbluesfest.ca.

Newmarket Winterfest

Winterfest in Newmarket will take place from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Newmarket Community Centre and Lions

Hall, Riverwalk Commons and Fairy Lake Park in Downtown Newmarket. Start with the Newmarket Lions' pancake breakfast, 8 a.m. to 11 a.m., for only \$1. At 9 a.m., enjoy face-painting, crafts, an inflatable castle, balloon artists, and displays by clubs and organizations. Outdoor events begin at 11 a.m. at Riverwalk Commons, with games, food and free skating on the Tim Hortons water feature/rink. Special performances include Speaking of Wildlife at 10:30 a.m., a skating demo by the Newmarket Skating Club at 11:30 a.m., a "Frozen" interactive show by Fairyland Theatre at noon, Caribay Star fire-eater and limbo at 1 p.m., Lead Energy Synchronized Skate team at 1:30 p.m., and Mad Science Fire & Ice show at 2. Over at Fairy Lake Park, activities are scheduled from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. - including a GPS pressure hunt, nine-hole mini-golf, games, rides on the Tim Hortons Express train, horse-drawn wagon rides, pony rides, chainsaw carving, and more.

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Tony Melendez in concert

BRIDG, the interdenominational group that is sponsoring a family of Syrian refugees in Bradford, is hosting a fundraising Concert at Holy Martyrs of Japan Catholic Church's Parish Hall, on Saturday, Feb. 20. Guitar phenomenon Tony Melendez will be performing, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are only \$10 for this incredible concert, available at the parish office, 905-775-2065, or at the door, at 167 Esna St. in Bradford. Help support a refugee family.

Community Listings

FRI., FEB. 5

KEVIN FINE, IN CONCERT: At the Idealab and Lakeshore library in Alcona, Alcona Fifth, musician and storyteller, appears as part of the February Blues and the Barrie Jazz & Blues Fest, 6-9 p.m. Free.

SAT., FEB. 6

HOCKEY DAY IN BWG: Tyke and Novice outdoor hockey tournaments at Bud Brown Memorial Park in Bond Head, for Hockey Day in Canada, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Pancake breakfast served up at the Bond Head Lions starts 8 a.m. Tournaments begin 8:30 a.m., strolling entertainers and airbrush tattoos start 9 a.m. at the Bond Head Community hall. BBQ lunch at 11 a.m. all welcome.

ONTARIO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY SIMCOE COUNTY BRANCH: Meets 2 p.m. at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 79 Ferris Lane, Barrie. Ellen Miller, assistant archivist at the Simcoe County Archives, talks about Preserving Family Treasures. Book table at 1:30 p.m. For info, see www.simcoebogs.com

ROAST BEEF DINNER & SILENT AUCTION: Bond Head United Church presents its Roast Beef Dinner/Auction at handicapped-accessible St. John's Presbyterian Church in Bradford, 10 SR and Line 8, from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Adults \$16, children 6-12 only \$8. Call 905-778-1423.

YUK YUK'S COMEDY NIGHT: Bradford Curling Club presents an evening of Yuk Yuk's comedy at the Portuguese Cultural Centre of Bradford, 767 Simcoe Rd. Comedy Show starts 8:30 p.m. followed by food, dancing, DJ. Tickets \$35 per person, available at the Curling Club, Water Depot-Bradford, or

Decorators' Edge Benjamin Moore Paints.

BARRIE WINTERFEST: On the Barrie Waterfront and Heritage Park, Feb. 6 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Feb. 7, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Horse-drawn wagon rides, \$2 dogged rides (weather permitting), ice sculptures, snow sculptures, Scouts BBQ, Lumberjack Shows at 12:30 and 3 p.m., each day - and on Sunday, a Polar Bear Dip in Lake Simcoe, noon at Centennial Beach.

NEWMARKET WINTERFEST: At the Newmarket Community Centre, Riverwalk Commons and Fairy Lake Park. Begins with a Newmarket Lions' Pancake Breakfast for \$1, 8-11 a.m., and includes displays, face-painting, balloon animals, bouncy castle, outdoor skating and games, horse-drawn wagon rides, live entertainment.

HURON HOOT STRINGS, IN CONCERT: Part of the February Blues at the Innisfil Libraries. Jazz concert at the Cookstown Library, 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Free.

SUN., FEB. 7

JAZZ AT THE LIBRARY: Jazz singer Aura Rully and Paul Hoffert, founder of the band LightHouse, perform at the BWG Public Library, 425 Holland St. West in Bradford, 2-5 p.m. Free, part of the Barrie Jazz & Blues Fest.

PROGRESSIVE EUCHE: At the Lefroy-Belle Ewart Legion on Robinson St. in Belle Ewart, 1 p.m. Prizes, snacks, cards. \$10 per person.

TUES., FEB. 9

YORK-SIMCOE NATURALISTS MEET: Guest speaker Crystal Robertson, of the Toronto Zoo's Adopt-a-Pond Program, will talk about Amphibians and Reptiles. At the River Drive

WANT YOUR EVENT INCLUDED? SEND US YOUR INFO

Listings are published as space allows each week.
E-mail listings to barrie.news@sunmedia.ca.
Deadline for inclusion in Thursday's paper is Tuesday at 10 a.m. Listings of 50 words or less must be sent as a text document or in the body of an e-mail.

Park, Community Centre, 20 Oak Ave. in River Drive Park (off Queensville SR, north of Holland Landing), 7:30 p.m.
SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER: At St. Peter's Anglican Church in Churchill, Innisfil. Pancakes, Sausage, tea or coffee, dessert - for a free-will offering. All welcome. Handicapped-accessible at the side door, all others please use the front entrance.

PANCAKE SUPPER COMMUNITY EVENT: At EggSmart and CoffeeTime, 1040 Innisfil Beach Road in Alcona, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. A fundraiser for Holy Cross Catholic School.

SAT., FEB. 13

CRIBBAGE: Lefroy-Belle Ewart Legion on Robinson St. in Belle Ewart. Register 12:30 p.m., play begins 1 p.m. \$10 per person.
VALENTINE'S DANCE: Trinity Anglican Church hosts a Valentine's Dance at the Bradford Community Centre, 125 Simcoe Rd. West in Bradford, 7:30 p.m. to 11 p.m. \$20 per person, to dance to The Cruisers. For tickets, call 905-775-3134.

VALENTINE'S DINNER & DANCE: At the Portuguese Cultural Centre of Bradford, 767 Simcoe Road. Doors open 6 p.m., dinner of Roast Beef, salad, rice, dessert, tea or coffee will be served starting

at 7 p.m. followed by dancing to the band Santa Fe. Tickets \$25 for adults, \$12 for children, for members - \$30 adults, \$15 children for non-members. Call 905-252-1859, 905-775-3254 or 905-775-4938 for tickets.

MEETINGS

AL-ANON: Meets Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Holy Martyrs of Japan Church Basement, 167 Essa St. In Bradford. For more information, www.alanon.org, alanon@alanon.org or call 1-888-4AL-ANON.

SPEAK FOR SUCCESS YOUNG-SIMCOE TOASTMASTERS: Meets every 2nd, 4th and 5th Tues. of the month, 7-9 p.m. at the BWG Leisure Centre, 471 West Park Ave., upstairs in the Multi-purpose room. All welcome. www.speakerssuccess.org

PARKINSON'S SUPPORT GROUP: Meets the 2nd Tuesday of every month, 1:30 to 3 p.m. at Simcoe Manor in Beeton. For info, contact VON Simcoe County Program co-ordinator Lori Waring at 905-723-0700 or lori.waring@von.ca

CHATS CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP: Meets the 1st and 3rd Thurs. of each month at CHATS in Bradford, 448 Holland St. W., at 10 a.m. For info, contact Marc Terrence, 1-866-677-9048 ext. 6226.

PAUL NOVOSAD/PHOTO

Lee Scarlett and family were at Crabby Joe's Tap & Grill in Bradford, Feb. 1, for a fundraiser - and to say thank you. Servers at the restaurant and sports bar donated their tips for the day, and the management made a contribution from food sales, to help pay for the cancer drug that Scarlett needs. He has suffered from a brain tumour for 15 years, but the disease no longer responds to standard chemotherapy and radiation treatment. Avastin, a drug originally developed to fight eye disease, holds the promise of relief from symptoms and a better quality of life - but it is not covered by OHIP. For Scarlett's condition, the family has to pay out of their own pocket, at \$2,700 to \$3,600 a treatment, and started a GoFundMe page to pay the bills.

Fundraiser at Crabby Joe's



PLACES OF WORSHIP	
Springdale Christian Reformed Church 1468 Sideview Rd., Bradford 905-775-3751 Sundays 10:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m. Sunday School & Nursery Pastor Paul VanStralen www.springdalecrtc.net	Holy Trinity Lutheran Church 53 Miller Park Ave., Bradford 905-775-3412 Sunday Service: 10:00 a.m.
Bond Head United Church Open Mike - Lunch hours - Serving Haves Come - Check us out 4221 County Rd. 88 In the Hamlet of Bond Head "And now I will show you a most successful visit - now." 1 Cor. 13.	Holy Martyrs of Japan Catholic Church 167 Essa St. Bradford 905-775-2065 Masses Sat. 5:00 p.m., Sun. 8:30 a.m., 10 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 6:30 p.m. Confessions 1/2 hour before Sunday mass.
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'Outstanding' local principal

Barrie – The Learning Partnership has named Christine Leung, Principal of Mother Teresa Catholic School in Bradford, one of Canada's outstanding principals. Leung is one of 40 principals from across the country, nominated by their peers, school staff and their communities, who will be honoured this February.

The national selection committee reviews all nominations and chooses the winners based on their demonstration of the characteristics of an outstanding principal, partnerships with parents and

the community, change and innovation, and improving student achievement.

Winners will be honoured at a gala dinner in Toronto, and have the opportunity to participate in an executive leadership training program at the University of Toronto's Rotman School of Management.

"I am overwhelmed to be recognized by The Learning Partnership," said Leung. "This organization successfully champions public education. I am surrounded by colleagues who work tirelessly for the good of all students."



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Christine Leung, principal of Mother Teresa Catholic School in Bradford, was selected one of Canada's Outstanding Principals on Jan. 15.

Catholic board JK-SK registration

It may be months until the start of the 2016-2017 school year, but parents can already register their Kindergarten children in the Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board.

To register for JK, children must be 4 years old by Dec. 31, 2016. For SK, children must be 5 by the same deadline.

Parents registering a child can contact their

local Catholic school to receive a fun and informative package called 'Getting Ready for Kindergarten.' It includes a booklet for parents, child's activity book, and a DVD. The award-winning package introduces parents and children to the Catholic schools within the board, and helps them prepare for school. For more information, see www.smcsdb.on.ca/families/kindergarten.

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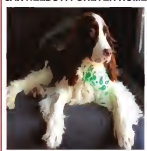
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A second nephew for Michelle Davies of Cliffton, Ont. Inor & Lydia Marchuk, Andre & Natalya Marchuk & Val Marchuk, another cousin for Mita & Timothy Marchuk all of Brampton. Joshua is welcomed with love by his many relatives & friends.

We wish to thank Dr. Martino & staff of Brampton Civic Hospital
The Dream Lives On

Obituaries

HEWKO, Berta - Peacefully passed away at Southlake Regional Health Centre, Newmarket on Monday, February 1, 2016. Berta Hewko (née Rupprecht) of the Holland Marsh at 89 years of age. Beloved wife of the late Nicholas Hewko. Dear mother of late Marika, Irene Baudet and Laura Young. Oma to Lisa-Marie and Nicole Baudet. Great-Oma to Justin Young. Dear sister of late Michael Kotbeck. Berta will be fondly remembered by her nieces, nephews and friends. Friends may call at **SKWARCHUK FUNERAL HOME**, 30 Simcoe Rd., Bradford for visitation on Friday from 3 - 5 p.m. and 7 - 9 p.m. A memorial service will be held at Jehovah's Witnesses Kingdom Hall, 2816 10th Sideroad, Bradford on Saturday, February 6, 2016 at 3 p.m.

Obituaries

HUGHES, Orville - (Past Warden of Simcoe County) Peacefully passed away with family at his side at Kingsterns in Alliston on Sunday, January 31, 2016. Orville Hughes of Bradford at 95 years of age. Beloved husband of the late Jean Hughes (née Allan). Loving father of Jim, Brian (Cathy), Marjorie Jean Hughes (Chris Graham) and Ed (Phil) Barley. Proud grandfather of: Chandra (Mike), (Andrea), Kevin, David, Tiffany (Dan), Kristen (Scott), Mackenzie, Quinn, Weston; Dayna (Andrew) and Leah. Orville will be lovingly remembered by his 11 great grandchildren. Dear brother of late Irma Burton and late Roy Hughes. Orville will also be fondly remembered by his nieces and nephews. Friends may call at **SKWARCHUK FUNERAL HOME**, 30 Simcoe Rd., Bradford for visitation on Thursday from 2-4 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. A Masonic Service will be held under the auspices of Simcoe Lodge, A.F. & A.M. No. 79 G.R.C. on Thursday at 6:45 p.m. Funeral service will be held at the St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2940 10th Sideroad, Bradford on Friday, February 5, 2016 at 11:30 a.m. Interment at Trinity Cemetery, Beeton. In Orville's memory, donations may be made to the Palliative Care Unit at Southlake Regional Health Centre.

MOORE, Daniel - Suddenly passed away at Southlake Regional Health Centre, Newmarket on Saturday, January 30, 2016. Danny Moore of Bradford and formerly of Oakville at 73 years of age. Beloved husband of Cathie for 45 years. Loving dad of David (Daniela) and Caitie (Garry) Dos Santos. Proud grandpa of Ava and Madeyn. Danny is predeceased by his parents James and Helen Moore and sister Josephine. Dear brother-in-law of Mary (Ray) Brown and Deborah Hazz. Danny will also be fondly remembered by his nieces and nephews. Friends called at **SKWARCHUK FUNERAL HOME**, Bradford for visitation. Funeral service held in the Chapel on Thursday, February 4, 2016 at 11 a.m. followed by cremation. In Danny's memory, donations may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society.

A Loving Tribute

Obituaries

VANDERBYL, William "Bill" - It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our dear father and grandfather into glory to be with his Lord. Bill peacefully passed away, surrounded by family on Tuesday, January 26, 2016 at Mathews House Hospice at 85 years of age. Beloved husband of the late Betty (nee Toering). Loving father of Ed (Lynn) Vanderbyl and Liz (Don) McLardy. Proud grandfather of Lisa Bennett, Nathan and Jonathan Vanderbyl; Becky Schussler, Heidi (Kevin) Smith, Alisha, Mella (Bri), Josh (Meagan), Kristy, Denise and Rachel McLardy. Dear great grandfather of Ava Bennett; Caleb and Logan Smith; Danika Schussler. Dear brother of Hiltie (Sib) Osinga, Janney (late Dave) Dykstra and Annie (Wietze) Faber. Bill will also be fondly remembered by his nieces and nephews. Friends called at **SKWARCHUK FUNERAL HOME**, Bradford for a visitation on Wednesday, February 3, 2016 from 10:30 a.m. until the time of a funeral service at 12 noon. Interment Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, Bradford. In Bill's memory, donations may be made to Mathews House Hospice.

WEIR, Scott - It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Scott on Thursday morning January 28th, 2016 at Southlake Regional Health Centre, Newmarket. Cherished son of Yvonne Weir of Holland Landing and Bob Weir of Cookstown and loving father of Devon Skinner-Weir - Beloved fiancée and soul mate of Aurora Davis of Green Bay - Wisconsin U.S.A. Loving brother of Rhonda (Ken) Wilson, uncle and god-father to niece Mikayla Wilson. He leaves behind his shocked aunts, uncles and cousins from the Weir and LeBlanc families. He will be missed by his co-workers at Avenue Motor Works in Bradford. Scott was 41 years old, far too young to have pancreatic cancer take him away from us. He was diagnosed with cancer only two days prior to his passing. He intended to fight it so he could see his beloved fiancée, Aurora again and was looking forward to his Blue Jays season and Green Bay Packers games. Thanks so much to the wonderful nursing staff at Southlake Regional Health Centre and the Paul F. Kent Funeral Home, Cookstown. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Canadian Cancer Society or Southlake Regional Health Centre, Newmarket in his memory. Scott's wishes were cremation with no funeral service. (Arrangements entrusted to the Paul F. Kent Funeral Home, Cookstown 705-458-4402)

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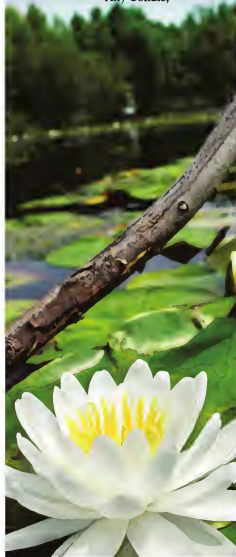
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